

Remarks/Arguments

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 23 January 2003. Applicant previously has tried to respond to the outstanding Official Action, however, the Patent Office apparently did not receive the communications. Being filed concurrently with this Amendment, is a Petition for Revival of an Unintentionally Abandoned Application with the requisite fees being paid.

In the Official Action dated 23 January 2003, the Examiner rejected independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either the Blanche or Waible Patents. The Examiner did kindly point out that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of Claim 1.

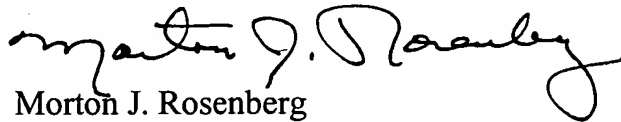
By this Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of Claim 2. It is thus now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Still further, the undersigned attorney has recently been given the Power of Attorney in this case and it is respectfully requested that all correspondence be addressed to the undersigned attorney.

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